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Dear Commissioners: This email is to register our outrage with the current Streamside Setback Committee and the Planning Department Personnel. The actions of both are obviously in the vein of "We know what is best for the ignorant masses." It is obvious that they intend to push through whatever they deem appropriate, regardless of the opinions and rights of streamside owners. This is being done in the most obnoxious and underhanded way, and completely at the cost of those who own streamside properties without any concern for their wishes or their rights. This is demonstrated not only with the secretive and sneaky way the streamside committee is handling their process, but the way in which the local planning personnel have treated us. Upon our inquiries, personnel have been extremely rude, high-handed, and told us that we were going to be placed under RETROACTIVE restrictions regardless of the wishes of us or the public. We demand that the entire lot of these egotistical bureaucrats be fired and the whole process be dropped. Optionally, the entire committee should be composed of streamside property owners. Planners need to be reminded that they are the employees of the public, not in charge of what is "best for us."

This process has been handled at best, in a very intentionally dirty and underhanded way. We are infuriated to say the least. For example, the idea that streamside owners cannot control brush and grass will create and intensify fire danger and fire intensity in many drier stream basins in non-Bitterroot River areas. This is exactly the opposite of what is needed. This kind of non-democratic political endrun shenanigans are exactly the opposite of what our country is supposed to be about. It is also an example of what happens when non-Montanans gain a foothold in trying to control local politics. OUT WITH THE LOT!! Hart and Inga Baitis